Message

From: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette [Guiseppi-Elie.Annette@epa.gov]

Sent: 9/28/2016 8:47:15 PM

To: Linnenbrink, Monica [Linnenbrink.Monica@epa.gov]

Subject: RE: Tire Crumb Research Study Samples

Thanks!

From: Linnenbrink, Monica

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 4:30 PM

To: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette < Guiseppi-Elie. Annette @epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Tire Crumb Research Study Samples

Looks good to me. One suggestion, when you first mention the FRAP, I would write out what it means.

From: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 3:46 PM

To: Linnenbrink, Monica < Linnenbrink. Monica@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Tire Crumb Research Study Samples

Monica -

Please review and let me know if you have any feedback.

Thanks, Annette.

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Best Regards, Annette.

Annette Guiseppi-Elie, Ph.D., FAIMBE Associate Director for Exposure Science NERL. USEPA/ORD

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While I am pleased to see the EPA move ahead on an issue of public concern, I am concerned that the final testing protocol recently released by your office apparently does not control for ambient sources of possible contamination by sampling natural grass or dirt adjacent to fields with recycled rubber infill. I believe that without such controls, the reliability of the data and its ability to support safety conclusions is questionable, defeating the purpose of the study. Additionally, I am concerned that any report the EPA issues provide the proper context so that the public can understand how these findings relate to the risks of playing on these fields. Reporting the existence of chemical substances in the product without providing information about how they relate to established health-based guidelines could unduly inflame public concerns and defeat the purposes of the research.

While I applaud the hard work that is being done on this issue, I strongly believe that without controlled sampling and use of health-based guidelines for context and comparison, the research may not provide the answers the public expects. Accordingly oes not consent to your request that the tire crumb samples collected from our facility be analyzed and/or tested as part of the "Federal Government Study on the Use of Recycled Tire Crumb in Synthetic Turf Fields."

Best regards,

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette [mailto:Guiseppi-Elie.Annette@epa.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2016 12:56 PM

To: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Subject: RE: Tire Crumb Research Study Samples

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Thank you for letting me know that you have the request and that you will let me know your response shortly.

Best Regards, Annette.

From Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 11:36 AM

To: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette < Guiseppi-Elie. Annette@epa.gov>

Subject: RE: Tire Crumb Research Study Samples

Dear Ms. Guiseppi-Elie,

This confirms that I received your email. We will consider your request and get back to you shortly.

Best regards,

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Guiseppi-Elie, Annette [mailto:Guiseppi-Elie, Annette@epa.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, September 13, 2016 2:28 PM

Te Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Subject: Tire Crumb Research Study Samples

Dear M Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

I am following up on our phone conversation to get your signed agreement to analyze recycled tire crumb samples from your facility as part of the "Federal Government Study on the Use of Recycled Tire Crumb in Synthetic Turf Fields".

If you agree, please fill and electronically sign the attached form and return to me at your earliest convenience. Regardless, I would appreciate your confirmation that you got this request. Thank you.

As we discussed, the locations of the samples taken for this study will not be published. However, the results of the analyses will be included in a report about the study. Specifically from the attached form:

"All information about your facility will be secure. We keep track of your information using a code number rather than the facility name. We will keep paper records in locked files and electronic records are stored on password protected computers at the USEPA. Only staff working on the project will be allowed to look at the paper and electronic records. Federal policy requires making the data we collect available to the public, but we will not include your name or other identifying information in public release. However, identifying information may be released in the event of a Freedom of Information Act request."

I have enclosed a Fact Sheet with additional information on the study. However, please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Best Regards, Annette.

Annette Guiseppi-Elie, Ph.D., FAIMBE

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